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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As a Family Physician in a rural "need" area, I urge you to preserve our landlines, and to encourage broadband competition. Cell phones do not work at our home/ranch and I need to be on call for my community.

Also we use satellite internet because the companies won't run the fiber optic line to us, although it runs right by us next to the highway.

Also broadband is critical to supporting our economy in the rural community, as you can imagine. We also need a robust system to handle emergencies.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

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